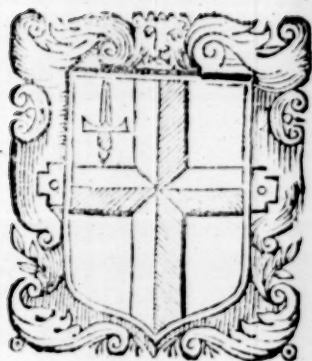


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Mayor.

Wednesday, the 5th Day of August, 1696. at a COMMITTEE of Common Council, held for the Publick MARKETS of the City of LONDON.



WHEREAS this COMMITTEE hath received Information, That the FARMERS of the Publick MARKETS have Exacted and Extorted greater Sums of Mony from the Market-People, than by the Laws of the City, or the Covenants of their Lease, are allowed; and have Committed many other Irregularities, to their great Oppression, and the Scandal of the Government of this City.

Now to the intent that the Rates allowed, as aforesaid, to be taken in the Markets may be ascertained and made Publick to all Market-People, and the said Farmers of the Markets may be prevented for the future from Demanding, Exacting or Receiving more than is Allowed;

This COMMITTEE hath thought fit (by Advice of the Right Honourable Sir JOHN HOUBLON Kt. Lord Mayor) hereby to Declare, That by an Act of Common-Council made in Sir William Hooker's Mayordom, 17 Sept. Anno Domini 1674. (which the Farmers are strictly obliged to observe) Every Person resorting to any of the Publick MARKETS of this City, to Vend their Commodities, are to pay to such as from time to time shall be appointed to Receive the Profits of all or any the said MARKETS after the Rates following and no more:

(Viz)

For every Stall or Standing of Eight Foot long and Four Foot broad, for Sale of Flesh-meat or Fish, Two Shillings six pence per Week.

For every Stall or Standing of Six Foot long, and Four Foot broad, Two Shillings per Week.

For every Stall or Standing of Six or Eight Foot long and Four Foot broad, for other Commodities, Three pence per Day.

For every Horse-load of Provisions, not upon Stalls nor under Publick Shelter, Two pence per Day.

For every Dosser of like Provisions, One penny per Day.

For every Cart-load with not above Three Horses, Four pence per Day.

For every Cart-load with Four Horses, or above, Six pence per Day.

For all Fruit brought by Land or Water, and pitched in any

of the Publick Markets; for each Prickel or Basket, holding not above one Bushel, One Half-penny per Day.

For each Basket, Dosser or Maund, holding above Two Bushels, One penny per Day; To be paid by the People that bring or receive them.

For every Standing of Six Foot square, for the Gardiners, Twenty Shillings per Annum.

For every Standing for the Poorer sort of Country People, bringing Weeds and Physick-Herbs, of Four Foot long and Two Foot broad, One penny per Day.

For every Standing for Fruit-Sellers and standing Herb-Women, not above Eight Foot long and Four Foot broad, or Six Foot square, Twelve pence per Week.

For every Standing for Bakers and Gingerbread-Sellers, not above Four Foot long and Three Foot broad, Six pence per Week.

And that the Collectors shall not Demand or Require, nor Receive or Take more than according to the aforesaid Rates, without the free Consent of the said Market-People, for some extraordinary Convenience or Accommodation; Unless in Leaden Hall Market, where other and larger Rates have been Anciently paid for Stalls and Standings therein.

And that no Collector shall Receive more than one Farthing for every Draught, or Four pence per Week, for Weighing all such Provisions as are usually bought or sold by Weight.

And this COMMITTEE doth further Declare, That the Farmers of the said Markets have Covenanted in their Lease, that in case they or any of them shall at any time (during the Term thereby demised) Exact or Take any greater Rates or Duties than are limited and appointed by the aforesaid Act of Common-Council, they or some of them shall pay to the City, for every time they shall so Exact or Take, the Penalty of Ten Pounds.

Wherefore if the said Farmers, or their Assigns, shall Require and Receive more than according to the aforesaid Rates, or Disturb the Market-People, who have paid or tender'd the said Legal Rates, in the quiet Selling or Exposing to Sale, according to Law, their Commodities; It is Recommended to the Parties grieved, to apply themselves to the Lord Mayor, or some other Justice of Peace of this City, for Redress; And to give Notice thereof to this COMMITTEE, that they may be proceeded against according to Law, and the Covenants and Conditions of their Lease.

Nich: Wilmot, Comptroller.

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